



Dr. Jay A. Buxton

May 29, 1919 - October 13, 2015

Jay A. Buxton, After 96 amazing years of blessing his family and all who knew him with peace, humility and wisdom, Dr. Jay A. Buxton died on Oct. 13, 2015.

He is survived by his second wife, Elda Buxton; by his three children, John "Tex" Buxton, Rebecca Buxton and Cynthia Buxton; and two stepdaughters, Priscilla Greene and Jennifer Geisler. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Miya Buxton, Lisa Leonard Jackson, Douglas Leonard, Matt O'Bryant and Kate Geisler; and by four great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Audrey Elaine Kennedy, in 1972.

The son of the late Selby G. Buxton and Edith McNary Buxton, Jay was born in Italy on May 29, 1919, spending most of his childhood on a farm near Warsaw, Ohio. In March 1942, he was drafted to serve in World War II and served in the Eighth Air Force in combat duty as a Tail Gunner on a B-17 type bomber. He was honorably discharged in 1945, having received the EAME with 3 Bronze Stars and the Air Medal. He received a B.S. Degree in Biology from Southwest Texas State Teachers' College, a M.A. Degree in Zoology from the University of Texas and a Ph.D. in Entomology from the Ohio State University.

He spent his professional career in Pesticide Research and as a college

professor of the Biological Sciences. He taught four years at Texas A&I College, six years at Clemson University and then 20 years at Catawba College as Chairman of the Department of Biology.

Active in the United Methodist church and in civic organizations such as Kiwanis, the Community Council, and Boy Scouts of America, Jay most recently attended the Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Hartford, Conn. He participated in countless building projects sponsored by his church throughout the years. Gifted at working with plants, he designed and maintained the perennial and annual gardens at Trinity Oaks in Salisbury and managed the resident gardens at The McAuley in West Hartford, Conn.

A born teacher, whether in the classroom or walking through the woods with friends, Jay was known for his kindness, his keen intellect and his delight in living. He was an amazing man inside and out. He loved God, he loved his family and he loved bugs and flowers.

Arrangements: The family will greet friends in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, 217 S. Church St., Salisbury, NC, at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015. A memorial service will follow at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, gifts may be sent to First United Methodist Church, 217 S. Church St., Salisbury, NC 28144 or Catawba College, 2300 W. Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28144.

Previous Events

Reception

NOV 8. 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
217 S. Church St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Memorial Service

NOV 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

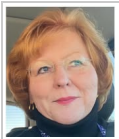
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Dr Buxton was my biology professor at Catawba in 1972 time frame. What i recall about him is how friendly, engaging, and caring he was. He was a great professor.*

Dick A Richards - November 22, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ *One of my all time favorite professors and gentlemen--always smiling ALWAYS! With his little bow tie perfectly in place. I was a chemistry major at Catawba and Jay taught my Bio classes. He took the class deep sea fishing and tried to toughen me up for the seasickness and touching gooey creatures (not my thing). He said I was" like Goldilocks-- always complaining" lol..actually he said 'bitch bitch bitch' ... So I stopped whining, got over the seasickness and had a great trip. Jay had a wonderful family and adored his kids which he spoke of often. Wish every professor could be a 'true teacher' and friend like Jay Buxton. Lisa Hoover, Charlotte NC Catawba Class of 1978.*

Lisa Hoover - July 15, 2019 at 09:28 AM

JW

“ *Jay was a dear friend and mentor to my husband and myself. We enjoyed visiting Trinity Oaks. playing Dominos and hanging out. Jay was one of a kind, and will be missed dearly. We will remember your kindness, patience, gentle spirit and laugh... Jean, Rob, Lauren and Haley Watts*

Jean Watts - December 01, 2015 at 02:25 PM

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“ *Elda, you know how I loved you and Jay all the years you shared your lives with mine. It is funny that Jay was the same age as my father, yet I never thought of either of you as being older than I am! We will never, never forget his kindness and sweetness and brilliance. Please know that I pray for your strength during this sad time.*

Nancy Eason

Nancy Eason - November 03, 2015 at 11:54 AM

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“ *May you all be comforted during this time of great sadness by our Heavenly Father. Isaiah 26:19*

angel - October 24, 2015 at 06:18 AM